

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Ocean-going vessel, particularly a passenger ship, the hull of which has at least one overhang above the waterline, which overhang allows the ship's length to exceed a dimension that is permissible on the basis of location-related length restrictions,

wherein

for the purpose of maintaining the carrying capacity of the ocean-going vessel, the part of the overhang of the stem (3) that makes up the excess length is configured as at least one structural unit (8) that can be reversibly handled to be flipped away, or taken away, ~~or the like,~~ as needed.

Claim 2 (previously presented): Ocean-going vessel according to claim 1, wherein the structural unit (8) that can be handled is configured as a bow segment.

Claim 3 (previously presented): Ocean-going vessel according to claim 2, wherein the bow segment is fitted into the ship's hull (1) in such a manner that the front edges (2) of the stem (3) and the structural unit (8) that is present as a bow segment, which make up the rake of the stem (3), as well as the surfaces of the structural unit (8) and the outer skin that forms the ship's side, align with one another in the normal position, in which the ship's length exceeds the length that is permissible on the basis of the location-related restrictions.

Claim 4 (previously presented): Ocean-going vessel according to claim 1, wherein it has at least one transverse bulkhead (12) that closes off the ship's hull (1), in the region of the face that faces the structural unit (8) that can be handled.

Claim 5 (previously presented): Ocean-going vessel according to claim 4, wherein the transverse bulkhead (12) is integrated into the outer skin of the ship's hull (1).

Claim 6 (previously presented): Ocean-going vessel according to claim 1, wherein the structural unit (8) is equipped

with fittings for setting on load accommodation means of corresponding hoists.

Claim 7 (previously presented): Ocean-going vessel according to claim 1, wherein working cylinders that can be activated for flipping the structural unit (8) away are provided.

Claim 8 (previously presented): Ocean-going vessel according to claim 1, wherein the structural unit (8) and the ship's hull (1) are equipped with locking means that can mutually be brought into a working connection.

Claim 9 (previously presented): Ocean-going vessel according to claim 8, wherein the locking means can be optionally activated, and that a remote control is provided for activation.